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PROCEEDINGS.

DOMESTIC COMMITTEE.

September 7, 1840.—Stated Meeting.—The Rev. Mr. Jones was called to the Chair.

Upwards of fifty communications were laid before the Committee.

On the report of the Committee on Northern Missions, Jefferson City, Mo., was recognized as united with Fulton in one station; the Rev. Willard Presbury's resignation of the station at Madison, Indiana, was accepted; the Rev. C. H. Page was appointed a missionary within Bishop Kemper's jurisdiction, and a salary appropriated to him as the missionary at Jeffersonville, Indiana; the Rev. Ashbel Steele's resignation of the station at New-Albany, was accepted, and he was recognized as the missionary in the vicinity of Lawrenceburgh, Indiana; the Rev. J. B. Britton's resignation of the station at Indianapolis was accepted, and he was recognized as the missionary at New-Albany, and a salary was appropriated to him as such; the Rev. F. F. Peake's resignation as a missionary was accepted; it was determined that, in accordance, with the wishes of Bishop Kemper, an effort be made to procure a missionary for the northern part of Indiana; the Rev. Timothy Minor was appointed a missionary in Illinois; and the resignation of the Rev. A. Helfenstein, as a missionary in Ohio, was accepted.

On the report of the Committee on Southern Missions, the Rev. N. N. Cowgill was appointed a missionary in Kentucky; and a resolution was adopted expressive of the deep regret of the Committee that they have been unable to obtain the services of any missionary in Louisiana for more than a year past, and of their earnest hope that several suitable persons may soon offer for that destitute field.

FOREIGN COMMITTEE.

September 1, 1840.—Stated Meeting.—The Rev. Dr. Milnor in the Chair.

The Committee having suspended its meetings during the month of August, in consequence of the expected absence of several of its members, again met.

The expenses for the year ending June, 1840, were estimated as amounting to about \$30,000. This statement was ordered to be published.

September 15.—Stated Meeting.—The Rev. Dr. Milnor in the Chair.

Letters of the most encouraging character from W. Africa were read. (*For extracts see page 318.*)

Further supplies were ordered for this mission; and appropriations were made for the missions at Athens, Crete and Constantinople for 1841—amounting to about \$9,000.

Resolved, That the Sub-Committee hitherto called the “Committee on Greece,” be entitled hereafter the “Committee on Eastern Missions”—embracing those within the bounds of the Eastern Churches on or near the Mediterranean.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DOMESTIC.

[The space given to the proceedings of the Board and the reports of the Committees having made it inconvenient to insert, in an earlier number, any of the reports of the Domestic missionaries for the quarter ending the 1st of July last, we give now an abstract of them, as full as our limits permit.]

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Rev. MOSES MARCUS, *Missionary at Nantucket*, reports: The spiritual condition of my church is as encouraging as at any former period of my labors as missionary to this island, and perhaps more so, for my people are more deeply interested, themselves, and are doing all they can to sustain the parish. However, I am sorry to inform you that our temporal affairs are at this time very distressing. I must, I fear, give up the Church here; though the fault can in no way be considered mine. I have not only labored, I would fain hope, faithfully, but I have devoted my own substance to its support. Believe me, I am quite wedded to my station, knowing that it is an important one, and do not intend to yield the vantage ground we have so honorably assumed, until I am actually compelled.

MAINE.

THE REV. FREDERICK FREEMAN, *Missionary at Bangor*, re-

ports: Baptisms, 1 adult, 3 infants; present number of communicants 34; Sunday school, teachers 11, scholars 52. A considerable number will receive baptism soon, and some accession to our list of communicants is expected during the next quarter. Our congregations are, more than ever, encouraging in respect to numbers.

A gentleman, who is here from Augusta, says, that the prospect for the Church there is fine. I am led, from all that I hear, to believe that the experiment at Augusta will be most successful, and the aid which you render there, be required but a short time.

OHIO.

THE REV. ABRAHAM EDWARDS, *Missionary at Ridgeway, Gallia county*, reports: The people at this station are chiefly Welsh emigrants, who are ignorant of the English language; for which reason they are more destitute of the means of grace than the Americans. I have resided among them since October, 1838, and have formed a congregation, and organized a parish by the name of St. David's, in commemoration of the diocese from which we come. The congregation is large, and the settlement an extensive one. Baptisms, 2 infants; communicants, added 2, present number 45; Sunday school, teachers 5, scholars 30.

THE REV. ABRAHAM BRONSON, *Missionary at Boston, Portage co.*, reports: Another of our best families has left us for Illinois, making four families, 8 communicants, removed since the beginning of the last year, and leaving but 7 communicants in this neighborhood. Two or three families connected with the Church have come into the township; but they are so indifferent, or so remote, that little calculation is to be made upon them. We have recently organized a Sunday school at the village for the season, under the superintendence of a young man who is a candidate for the ministry. The people are generally poor, and contribute nothing for religious purposes.

THE REV. JOHN UFFORD, *Missionary at Maumee City*, reports: Our prospects are every way encouraging. Since my last, the Bishop has made us a visit and confirmed 5, four of whom had been recently added to the Church. Since his visit, a measure has been adopted which, I have no doubt, will aid us very much. The Committee are aware that two parishes have existed here, though the place was too small for the support of both. These parishes have, with perfect unanimity, been united into one, and taken such measures as, under the blessing of God, I trust will be productive of much good, and the speedy increase of the parish upon which they have concentrated their efforts. Present number of communicants, 23. I officiate regularly once on Sunday here, and once at Perrysburg, and also make occasional visits to Toledo.

MICHIGAN.

THE REV. JOHN A. WILSON, *Missionary at Pontiac*, reports : Six families in town and twelve in the country compose my cure. Communicants, added, 1, present number, 24 ; baptisms, infants 3. We have no church edifice, but are making efforts to build one, and I think we shall succeed. We have no Sunday school. I feel well satisfied that this station is one of the most important in the state. Its proximity to Detroit, and its facilities of intercourse certainly give it a promising destiny. I officiate twice each Sunday here, and have a third service every alternate Sunday seven miles distant, and have officiated once at White Lake, sixteen miles distant.

THE REV. M. HIRST, *Missionary at Dexter*, reports : I have had a severe attack of fever and ague, by which I am greatly reduced, and am unable to bear exposure. The Bishop visited us on the 22d of April and preached twice to large congregations ; confirmed 5, of whom four were heads of families. I have to lament that the influence of pure religion does not extend more rapidly amongst the people ; yet there is cause for much encouragement, when we consider the spiritual condition and prospects of our Church.

The late REV. G. W. COLE, *Missionary at Kalamazoo*, reported : I am very much pleased with my prospects here. The friends of the Church have given me a very kind and cordial reception. They seem disposed to do every thing in their power to make my situation pleasant, and to aid me in the good work to which I have been called. The whole of this section of Michigan presents a very interesting field for missionary labor. As soon as I can consistently with my duties to this congregation, I shall visit all the points of interest within fifteen or twenty miles around. Next Sunday, after two services here, I am to officiate at Schoolcraft, fifteen miles from this place.

THE REV. C. B. STOUT, *Missionary at Clinton*, reports : At the close of my first year's labor at Clinton, I have much reason for gratitude, to the Giver of all good for the success which has attended my efforts in behalf of Christ and his Church. On my arrival in this place, the number of communicants was 12 ; since which time added 11, removed 3, making the present number 20. This is encouraging success, especially as several of the above are from among the young men of the parish. Within the period named, the regular attendants on our services have increased full one-third. At the present time, our chapel is filled ; and at the renting of the pews a few weeks since, we had not enough, into six or eight, for the wants of the congregation.

Officiated here nineteen times, once at Manchester, twice at Marshall, once at Homer, once at Albion and once at Tecumseh. Baptisms within the year, 2 adults ; confirmed, 4 ; Sunday

school, teachers, 5, children, 16. I usually attend myself and examine them in the catechism.

THE REV. DARIUS BARKER, *Missionary at Jonesville*, reports: Baptism, 1 infant; communicants, 20. We have now a small chapel, built by an individual who kindly offers to rent it on easy terms if we cannot collect money sufficient to purchase it. Homer is under my care; and it will be necessary for me to spend a part of my Sundays there. Our prospects here in Jonesville are not discouraging, and in Homer they appear very flattering. As my health returns I find much to do and much to encourage me in this my field of labor.

THE REV. CHARLES FOX, *Missionary at Jackson*, reports: The church is very nearly finished and we hope to be able to occupy it in about a month. I have officiated twice every Sunday in the court-house and once in the state prison with some exceptions when I was absent for the recovery of my health, on leave granted by the Bishop. The two Sunday schools continue to flourish; a building of logs has been erected for one of them, as no other could be had. It is used during the week as a day school. A frame building, beside the church, is nearly ready, which will be used likewise for an Episcopal day school and Sunday school. Communicants, added, 2. I have officiated thrice at Albion and baptized 3 children; twice at Homer and once at Marshall.

Allow me to call attention to the great want of clergymen. There are various small parishes unable of themselves to support a minister where the Church is already founded, and various large parishes without a settled minister, from the impossibility of procuring one. While we do all we can to keep the Church alive in these; owing to their distance it is only occasionally that they can be visited. Thus we lose much, and they lose much. Now, from my experience, I would say that two more itinerant missionaries would be able to supply them well; but without these they must either decay, or cause settled clergymen in a measure to neglect their own parishes, and their own sphere. I do not complain, although the expense and labor of such work are great. I desire to plant the Church every where; but I cannot help thinking that the Church is losing much by not having this class of laborers in the West.

THE REV. S. R. CRANE, *Missionary at Niles*, report: Baptisms, children 10, adults 7; communicants, added 16, present number, 21; Sunday school, teachers 8, children 20. When I took charge of Trinity church in this place, on the 11th of March last, I found only 5 communicants.

No services had been held for more than a year except those given by myself when travelling through this country. The zeal and unanimity manifested by the Church in this place are a pledge, under God, of success if the proper means are used. The congregation has been steadily increasing and a high de-

gree of seriousness pervades it. Increased attention is given to the prayer-book; the Spirit of the Lord is evidently with us uniting our hearts and prompting to increased efforts in aid of the Gospel. I have visited St. Joseph's once, officiating twice, and have officiated once at Berrian, our county seat. It was the first time a minister of the Church had officiated in that village. A strong desire is manifested there and at St. Joseph's to have the services of the Church at stated times; and I have ventured to suggest to our friends in these villages the propriety of requesting that a missionary be assigned to them, believing that they would raise the greater part of his salary. I have also officiated six times at Edwardsburgh.

THE REV. A. S. HOLLISTER, *Missionary at Troy*, reports: Baptism, 1. I have preached the Gospel twice on Sundays regularly at this place, and administered the communion monthly, and uniformly have officiated at one of the neighboring villages at a third service. I consider it important to continue services at this station, though immediate prospects are not very encouraging. Within the circuit of my labors there are fifty or more communicants, and the three villages, Utica, Birmingham and Rochester, containing at present from 300 to 600 inhabitants each, and situated respectively within seven miles of this place, will, before many years, be places where Episcopal churches will be required and may be sustained.

THE REV. M. HOYT, *Missionary at Grand Rapids*, reports: Confirmed, 4; communicants, added, 3. The prospects of the Church continue to brighten. The vestry are engaged in the erection of a very neat church edifice twenty-seven by forty-four, which I hope will be completed and ready for consecration by the first of October. Besides my official duties at this station, which have been the same as in previous quarters, I visited Kalamazoo and officiated several times, and have also visited Ionia twice, officiating six times, and have preached at Paris once.

THE REV. W. N. Lyster, *Missionary in Lenawee and Washtenaw cos.*, reports: Baptisms, infants, at Manchester, 3; at Homer, 3; communicants, at Marshall, added 3, present number, 31; at Manchester, the only organized church under my care, added 3, present number 12. Public service performed, at Springville, three times; Junction, three times; Manchester, four times, (administering the communion once and re-organizing the church for the purpose of incorporation,) Iron Creek, three times; Marshall, once, (administering the communion;) Homer, three times, (and organized Christ church;) Detroit, three times; Monroe, twice; Tecumseh, Clinton, Jackson, Jonesville and Albion, each once. Though the anticipations of my last report are not yet realized, I do not deem that I have any cause for desponding, or feeling discouraged. A large collec-

tion of prayer-books and tracts lately sent out, were thankfully received, and I trust will be very useful.

INDIANA.

THE REV. WILLARD PRESBURY, *late Missionary at Madison*, reports: Baptism, infant 1; communicants, added 1, present number 16; Sunday school, teachers 5, scholars 20. [We make no further extracts from the report, which is necessarily occupied by an account of the unhappy local dissensions which have long existed at this station. It is now without a missionary.]

THE REV. ASHBEL STEELE, *late Missionary at New Albany*, reports: Baptisms, infants 2; communicants, added 2, present number, 25. As the congregation consists to a considerable extent of single persons and parts of families, the number of families belonging to it cannot be accurately reported. I have officiated, as usual, twice on each Sunday, morning and night, besides devoting the afternoon to the Sunday school. Our discouragements are many and great; still we are gaining in number and we hope in true religion. If we can be sustained through these trying times, this Church, by the blessing of God, will eventually become so established as to prove that whatever may have been bestowed here will not have been bestowed in vain.

THE REV. T. C. PITKIN, *Missionary at Lawrenceburgh*, reports: Baptism, 1 adult; communicants, added 2, present number 5; Sunday school, teachers 8, scholars 40; public services performed 35.

THE REV. A. H. LAMON, *Missionary at Evansville*, reports: Families, 30; baptisms, infants 5; communicants, added 3, present number 28; Sunday school, teachers 7, scholars 70. There has been slow but steady increase in the congregation. I am not discouraged, but relying on the Divine promises, believe that there are rich blessings in store for the Church in Evansville. A degree of seriousness is apparent in a few of the congregation.

THE REV. GEORGE FISKE, *Missionary at Richmond*, reports: Families, 15; baptisms, infants 10, communicants 15; Sunday school, teachers 10, scholars 90. We have reason to rejoice with gratitude to God for his mercy and goodness toward this mission. I cannot show a large increase to our communion, neither can I show much numerical strength; but I am permitted to say that we are not fallen, nor diminished. On the contrary, our congregation seems more stable, our Sunday school more interesting, our church more devoted. Still we are small, and weak, and faint. We have only two male communicants—one an old man who has never been able to attend church or to render us any visible help. The other a young man who always stands firm at his post, and, though he has not

silver and gold, gives such as he has. We are going on with our church edifice very slowly and with some difficulty. We hope to obtain such assistance as shall enable us to enclose the building and prepare a room in the basement story before winter. I have officiated at Hillsboro' ten miles distant, once, and once at Mount Vernon, eight miles distant.

THE REV. CHARLES PRINDLE, *Missionary at Terre Haute*, reports: Baptisms, 3 children. We have organized a parish under the name of St. Stephen's Church. I have officiated twice on Sunday in this place; but during the summer I design to officiate once at Otter Creek and Prairieton alternately on Sundays; the former distant five, and the latter seven miles. On the first Sunday in June, the Rev. Mr. Britton preached for me, and administered the communion, at the court-house. We were two or three, and I trust the Lord was in the midst. O that the thousands in the east, who crowd around the consecrated altar to commemorate our Saviour's passion and death, would bear in mind the shepherds and their few scattered sheep in the wilderness!

THE REV. JOHN H. DRUMMOND, *Missionary at Milton*, reports: Public services performed, 40. I have, of a truth, been growing weary on account of the little fruits of my labors, which are visible at this station. During Mr. Fiske's absence, I shall reside at Richmond, with the sanction of Bishop Kemper, officiating there, and occasionally visiting this place and Connersville.

THE REV. J. B. BRITTON, *late Missionary at Indianapolis*, reports: Families 35; Baptisms, 2 children, 10 adults; confirmed, at the Bishop's visitation, 8; communicants, added 4, present number 38; two Sunday schools, teachers 12, scholars 85. This state of things, when compared with what I found here three years ago, is certainly an occasion of devout gratitude to Him, who ever blesses his truth; for at that time there were but three or four communicants of the Church residing within a circuit of eight miles; and now, though only two of those are here, upwards of fifty have been connected with this church during the interval which has elapsed.

THE REV. B. B. KILLIKELLY, *Missionary at Vincennes*, reports: Families, 15; confirmed, 10; communicants, added 4, present number 17; Sunday school, teachers 8, scholars 40. The services at the Bishop's visitation in April, produced an impression decidedly favorable to the growth of piety and of the Church here. He had confirmed 5 persons in July last, making 15 in all confirmed in the course of nine months, and there are several looking forward to the reception of the holy rite on his next visitation. The ladies of the parish have held a fair, from the proceeds of which they have purchased an instrument to aid in conducting public worship, and intend to

assist the vestry in procuring a lot on which to erect a church. Some friends of the Church in Philadelphia have supplied my parish with books for a parish and Sunday school library, and with a large Bible and Prayer-book for the desk. The two Prayer-book Societies and the Tract Society of that city have also supplied us liberally with their publications. The time may come, and I hope is not far distant, when we shall have it in our power to assist in affording these valuable auxiliaries of our Church, the means to offer other infant and feeble parishes that aid, which we can so fully appreciate in our present circumstances.

THE REV. S. W. MANNEY, *Missionary at Laporte*, reports : Families, 8 ; baptisms, 2 infants ; communicants, 10 ; Sunday school, teachers, 5 ; scholars, 30. Public services have been regularly performed here, except during two weeks which I spent in Wisconsin at Southport and Racine : at both these places I preached several times, and administered the communion. I had been previously invited to organize a parish at Southport, but being unable to attend immediately, and circumstances making it necessary to act without delay, the Rev. Mr. Hull, of Milwaukie, upon invitation, organized one, the communicants of which are now 20 in number. Some of these have just commenced their Christian course.

WISCONSIN.

THE REV. L. B. HULL, *Missionary at Milwaukie*, reports : Baptisms, 3 children ; services performed at Milwaukie, 30. By request I visited Southport again in April, and officiated there five times on Good Friday, Easter Even and Easter Day, baptizing 4 adults, and administering the communion to 28 persons. Neither of the sacraments had ever been administered before in that place by a minister of the Church, and the services and explanations that were given removed many prejudices against the Church, and have left a very favorable impression upon the minds of the people. During my stay a parish was organized by the name of St. Matthew's Church, and its prospects are peculiarly flattering. I have visited Racine twice. On the latter occasion, I baptized one adult, and administered the communion to nine persons. The attendance was good, and the responses were well made. I have also officiated twice at Oak Creek, once at Lisbon, and once at Prairieville.

THE REV. W. PHILO, *Missionary at Madison*, reports : Baptism, 1 infant ; communicants, 1 added, present number, 3 ; Sunday school, teachers, 5 ; children, average number, 25. My services here have been unbroken, except when absent on missionary duty. I have visited Aztalan, and officiated one Sunday for as large a congregation as could be accommodated in our rough log sanctuary. Afterwards I visited several families ; and there are five which may be counted as Episco-

palian households. Communicants, 5. The intended organization of a parish was deferred until we should be provided with a more convenient place for divine worship. This is now happily accomplished in the erection of a fine school-house, furnished with a pulpit and other suitable conveniences. A very excellent and intelligent member of our Church there, after informing me of this circumstance, adds ; "there is a rich harvest to be reaped in this place, and many souls to be brought to Christ. As for myself, I long for communion with my Saviour in our Church service."

I have also visited Janesville, a small and thriving village, 45 miles distant, on the east bank of Rock River, in Rock county. In this vicinity I spent several days very much to my satisfaction, and officiated one Sunday. The only place in which Divine service could be held was the upper room of a public house. It was the first time a minister of the Church had ever preached there. We have 5 communicants in the vicinity, and several Episcopal families.

I have recently received a supply of prayer-books and tracts. Those from whom they come, will accept my grateful acknowledgments for them.

THE REV. R. F. CADLE, *Missionary at Prairie du Chien, and Chaplain at Fort Crawford*, reports : Baptism, 1 child ; communicants, 4. The number of attendants on public worship is large, in consequence of an order from the commanding officer requiring the garrison to be present. I have officiated at this post on Sundays, with the exception of two, which were spent at Galena and Mineral Point, and two when I was hindered by sickness from performing any service. At Mineral Point, where I officiated on Good Friday and Easter Day, I administered the communion to ten persons, and was much gratified with the proofs of the great usefulness of the Rev. Mr. Eaton, the missionary at that station.

THE REV. SOLOMON DAVIS, *Missionary to the Oneidas at Duck Creek, and Superintendent of the Green Bay School*, reports : Baptisms, 3 infants ; Divine service has been regularly celebrated each Lord's day and the last Friday in each month. The Holy Communion has been administered monthly, and in three other instances to sick members of my flock. The school has increased ; but as heretofore many of the scholars are irregular in their attendance. The boys and girls are now in charge of Miss Williams, and will remain so until the Bishop visits us. Ill health must be my apology for not being more particular at this time in regard to both missions.

IOWA.

THE REV. JOHN BATCHELDER, *Missionary at Burlington*, reports : I have suffered much from ill health during the last three months. I am now better, and flatter myself that this

will continue to be the case, as I have removed back upon the open prairie, two miles from the river. The attendance on public worship continues to be good, and there is, I flatter myself, increasing interest on the part of numbers in the regular ministration of the Gospel. Recently an Italian Jesuit has come along and set about building a church, although so far as I am informed, there is but one person in this place who professes attachment to his cause, and that is a woman.

MISSOURI.

THE REV. P. R. MINARD, *Missionary in the Upper Part of St. Louis*, reports: Baptisms, infants, 11, adult, 1; communicants, added, 6, present number 35; Sunday school, teachers, 7, scholars, 35. I commenced my labors in this mission on the first of March of this year. Until Easter we worshipped in a school room, uncomfortable in many respects, holding service twice each Sunday. Since that time we have been in our own little church, and have service three times on Sunday. The building is of wood, 50 by 30; and is so arranged as to accommodate with ease 300 persons. It cost about \$2600, of which \$1200 have been raised from Christ Church, St. Louis; the balance remains unpaid, and we fear some difficulty in consequence. But the same Being who has assisted us thus far, will not fail us in our hour of need. Some of the young men connected with the mission possess considerable energy and zeal in our Master's service, and will do all in their power to sustain the effort. Of Christ Church too, I can say with truth, I never appealed to them in vain. The mission was organized under the name of St. Paul's Church, and nine vestrymen were elected, chiefly young men; all of whom, I trust, have commenced the work with a determination to see it accomplished. I endeavor to preach the word of God faithfully and in simplicity, and upon that alone is my reliance. His Spirit will make it powerful. It appears to me that we cannot be too much on our guard against the impression that we make the converts, or that God blesses us when our ministry is successful. It is his word which is the sword of the Spirit. We are but the humble messengers of his word.

THE REV. ISAAC SMITH, *Missionary at St. Charles*, reports: Confirmed, 1; communicant, added, 1. The congregation are desirous of erecting a church, but the pressure of the times is so great, that it seems inexpedient to attempt to collect any thing here until we have some response from our friends abroad. It is actually necessary to receive \$1500 in addition to what has been subscribed here, in order to build a decent church. Will not our friends in New-York do something for us? Are there not friends of the Church in Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, and Connecticut, who can help us? Since I took charge of this mission, I have distributed about 60 prayer-books; they have

in all cases been received with great delight, and the responses are very well made.

THE REV. WM. HOMMANN, *Missionary at Jefferson City and Fulton*, reports: At Jefferson, families 9; baptism, 1 infant; communicants, 5; Sunday school, teachers, 5, scholars, 24; at Fulton, families, 3; communicants, 3; public services at both places, 31. I arrived at Fulton on the 7th of May, and commenced services on the third Sunday after Easter; since which time I have officiated nine times at Fulton, and once at the Grand Prairie in the vicinity.* I visited this place (Jefferson City) by advice of Bishop Kemper, and was very kindly received. There was no minister of any denomination residing here. It is the capital of the State, and has a population of about 1,000. I found two communicants, and several gentlemen who had been educated in the Church, and they expressed a warm and earnest desire to have it established among them. The Secretary of State, who is a Churchman by education, manifested much interest, and was very desirous, as well as other friends of the Church, to have here a resident minister. Having sought the Divine guidance, and feeling that I had the Bishop's approbation, I have concluded to reside at this place. The use of a school-room in a central location has been obtained for public worship, but will not accommodate all who wish to attend. One Sunday in the month is given to Fulton, the remainder of the time is spent here. I have commenced holding Divine service also, by permission of the wardens and inspectors, at the penitentiary, in which there are from 60 to 70 convicts.

ILLINIOS.

THE REV. JOHN SELLWOOD, *Missionary at Mendon*, reports: Public services performed, 31. No material change has taken place in the condition and prospects of this station. I have visited Quincy once, when I preached several times and baptized two children. I also officiated one evening at a small settlement called Lamoine, near Crooked Creek, in Hancock county.

THE REV. WM. DOUGLASS, *Missionary at Alton*, reports: Families, 10; communicants, added, 1, present number, 15. The clouds of gloom pending over this congregation are truly discouraging; our numbers at most are but small, and are diminishing constantly by removals. I officiate here twice on Sundays, and have visited and officiated twice at Jerseyville, a village 20 miles distant.

THE REV. J. L. DARROW, *Missionary at Collinsville, &c.*, reports: At Edwardsville our new church is just finished in a very neat style. It is 24 by 40 feet in the clear, with an end gallery and a vestry-room, and is surmounted by a belfry; and

* This report is dated August 4.

altogether it presents a beautiful appearance. The whole cost will not vary much from \$1,575, of which about \$300 is still to be raised. The church in Collinsville is also built, 24 feet by 40 in the clear, but its height would not admit of a gallery. The pews are not yet in, and I know not what to do, as I have already borrowed \$250 to complete the work so far, under the expectation of receiving more funds from the East. Will not our friends at the East relieve us from the embarrassment under which we labor?

THE REV. SAMUEL CHASE, *Missionary at Robin's Nest, &c.*, reports: Families, 19; communicants, added, 6, present number, 49. In a few weeks the chapel of Jubilee College will be completed; in that event we hope for some increase to the congregation. All who attend join audibly in the services, and always remain during the administration of the Holy Communion, which occurs on the first Sunday in each month and on the usual festivals and fasts.

THE REV. CHARLES DRESSER, *Missionary at Springfield*, reports: Families at Springfield, 25; baptism, 1 infant; communicants, added, 1, present number, 20; Sunday school, teachers, 5, scholars, 20; public services, 26. I have spent one Sunday in Jacksonville, preaching twice, administering the Communion and baptizing two children; and one in Carrollton, the seat of the courts in Green county, about midway between Jacksonville and Alton. At the latter place I preached three times, baptized two infants and administered the Communion to 12 persons, of whom one half were Episcopalians. This is one of the places visited in company with the Bishop last fall, where, very unexpectedly, we found an opening for the Church. In connexion with Jerseyville, 15 miles further south, it would make a desirable missionary station; and I presume the only reason it has not been recommended by him as such, is the great difficulty, not to say impossibility, of getting any one to supply it. I am happy to say, however, that there is a prospect that the infant parish then organized by him, will ere long furnish one, if not two, candidates for Holy Orders. I have preached once also in Morgan county, near Waverley, and baptized an infant, and once on a Sunday afternoon in Rochester, a thriving village eight miles east of this place.

THE REV. A. H. CORNISH, *Missionary at Juliet*, reports: Families, 42; baptisms, infants, 2; communicants, added, 2; present number, 22; Sunday school, teachers, 5, children, 30; public services, 21. My labors have been confined to Juliet and Lockport, and the attendance at both places is encouraging. The want of the necessary means has obliged us hitherto to defer the building of a church. Had we at command such resources as the Romanists here possess, we might build after a different manner, and for future generations. Within a few rods of my residence stands a gothic stone building 70 feet by

50, or thereabouts, which the Romanists have erected within a few months past, and which, when completed, as it already is, with the exception of a part of the interior, will have cost not less than \$20,000. Money for the work, thus far, has been obtained from the two thousand or more members of the Romish Church who are employed here, and within a short distance of this place, upon the public works. Many of them, I am informed, contribute liberally and willingly, while from others large sums are obtained by appealing to their fears. The Church of Rome is engaged in doing much to establish herself, not only in our Atlantic cities, but particularly throughout the fertile and wide-spread Valley of the Mississippi, by erecting numerous large and durable, and, in many instances, splendid, temples of worship, founding and richly endowing colleges and schools, and placing in and over them men well disciplined in the school of Jesuitism. Unless we bestir ourselves, as a Church, and put forth greater efforts *now* for the salvation of the vast multitudes who are peopling this Valley, the Church of Rome, it is to be feared, will have so far gained the ascendancy, that our labor may appear to be in vain.

Our grateful acknowledgments are due for a box recently received containing bibles, prayer-books and tracts. I have only to regret that there were not among the latter more copies of the tract entitled, "Who are the Catholics?" I have good ground for believing it has done much towards giving the many who seem anxious to peruse it, right views respecting our branch of the Catholic Church.

KENTUCKY.

THE REV. F. B. NASH, *Missionary at Paris*, reports: Communicant, 1 added; Sunday school, scholars, 50; and regular service twice on Sundays.

THE REV. R. ASH, *Missionary at Smithland*, reports: Families, 11; baptism, 1 infant; communicants, added, 3, present number, 3; public services performed, 27. The Sunday school is increasing, and I hope will be the means of doing good to many of the youth of the place.

THE REV. T. E. PAINE, *Missionary at Princeton*, reports: Baptisms, 3 infants, 3 adults; confirmed, 8; communicants, 12. The congregations continue full and attentive. The services, at the visitation of the Bishop, had a very favorable effect, an immense congregation being present. We have organized a parish with the above number of communicants, all but one having united with the Church lately, and have raised about \$1600 for a church. With this sum we shall be able to erect one sufficient for our purposes, say, 28 by 56, capable of accommodating 300 persons. My services have been chiefly confined to this place, though I have occasionally visited Cadiz, where we have some warm friends.

THE REV. M. F. MAURY, *Missionary at Danville*, reports : Families, 14 ; communicants, added, 2, present number, 32 ; Sunday school, teachers, 9, children, 60 ; public services, twice on Sunday. I have been absent from my station one Sunday to attend our annual convention ; and on another occasion, I made a short excursion, of five or six days, through the counties of Washington and Nelson ; in the former of which I was told no clergyman of the Church had ever been, although it is one of the oldest settlements in the State. In the vicinity of Springfield, the Shire-town of Washington, I had an interesting interview with an old gentleman, one of the pioneers of Kentucky, who could hardly credit his own eyes when he was told that they rested for the first time, for sixty years, upon a minister of the Church of England, as he universally called me. The last sermon he heard preached by one of our clergy was from the Rev. William White in Philadelphia, afterwards the venerable Bishop and Apostle of the American Church. He has resided for the last 57 years in the house where he now lives, which, like himself, stands as a relict of by-gone days. It was to visit him that I first left home, as he is too infirm to leave his own fireside ; and although he has been cut off so long from all communion with his brethren, and deprived of the blessings of the sanctuary, still the ardor of his love for the Church is not at all abated. I found in his house a mutilated copy of the English prayer-book, which appears to have been his constant companion ; and I learned from his own lips that he has read the Bible through regularly once every year for the last half century. He seemed to be truly "a man of God," daily ripening for the tomb, and ready to "depart and be with Christ." I preached in his house, and administered the Holy Communion to himself and five others ; and I think I may add, that a more acceptable service has seldom or ever been performed. He gave me his blessing when I left him, and I departed with the comforting reflection that the old man's heart had been made glad, and his hopes brightened, through my humble instrumentality.

From thence I proceeded to Bardstown, the seat and centre of Roman Catholicism, in our State, where I found several Episcopal families ; and although I did not preach in consequence of the shortness of my stay, yet I distributed a few tracts and prayer-books, and promised to return again, which I hope to effect some time the ensuing fall.

TENNESSEE.

THE REV. JOHN CHILTON, *Missionary at Brownsville and Jackson*, reports : At Brownsville, families, 7 ; communicants, added, 1, present number, 9 ; Sunday school, teachers, 2 ; scholars, 12 ; at Jackson, families, 12 ; communicants, added, 1, present number, 8 ; Sunday school, teacher, 1 ; scholars, 2 ; public services

at both places, 20. The congregations at Jackson are generally good, sometimes large: a majority of the families at that place are the young members of Episcopal families. At the chapel (Brownsville) and at Woodsville, eighteen miles distant, our congregations are usually such as to encourage the hope that good may be done, and that in time the Church will be firmly established.

[We are obliged for want of room to omit an interesting account of the origin of these parishes and the difficulties with which they have been obliged to contend.]

THE REV. EDWARD REED, *Missionary at Randolph*, reports: Families, about 20; baptisms, infants, 8; adults, 2; confirmed, 1; communicants, added, 2, present number, 26; Sunday school, teachers, 8, scholars, 50. Several of the families, reported, do not consider themselves Episcopalians, but attend the services of the Church because they are more convenient, or for some other like reason. The Bible Class has been broken up for the summer on account of the absence and indisposition of most of its members. The state of my health has also compelled me to discontinue my service to the negroes on Sunday evening; but I hope to resume it in a few weeks.

THE REV. D. STEPHENS, D. D., *Missionary at Bolivar*, reports: Families, about 20; communicants, 7. Our congregation would be much larger if we had a larger room for public worship. The public sentiment seems evidently to incline to our favor, and a more lively interest is manifested in the services of the Church. I have the pleasure also to say that our vestry have determined to build a church forthwith, and have appointed a building committee who have already made some progress in providing materials, &c. I hope and pray that a beneficent Providence will smile upon and prosper their laudable undertaking.

THE REV. P. W. ALSTON, *Missionary at Memphis*, reports: Baptisms, 1 infant, 1 adult; confirmed, 9; communicants, added, 11, present number, 29; Sunday school, teachers 7, pupils, 30; public service regularly on Sundays.

THE REV. A. A. MULLER, D. D., *late Missionary at Clarksville*, reports: Families, 25; baptisms, 3 infants; communicants, added, 1, present number, 19; Sunday school, teachers, 6, scholars, 68. The time has at length arrived when the support derived from the Domestic Committee is to be withdrawn from this station. It is with feelings of unfeigned thankfulness to Almighty God, that I acknowledge his goodness and mercy in the favorable regard which he hath been pleased to bestow on this feeble portion of his spiritual household. Under his good blessing the Church in this place has been happily preserved, strengthened and sustained through many trying vicissitudes. She is now steadily progressing

in her spiritual growth. For the provision which has been for a number of years extended to her by the Committee, I present my grateful acknowledgments and those of the congregation over whose spiritual interests I have the happiness to preside. Truly they have "strengthened the weak hands and confirmed the feeble knees."

ARKANSAS.

THE REV. WM. MITCHELL, *Missionary at Pine Bluff*, reports: Baptisms, 2 infants: communicants, 5. My congregation is larger, and from the increased attention to the services of the Church, I cherish the hope that there is a growth in grace and piety among the people. At the first administration of the communion there were five to receive it; two of whom, formerly from Maryland, wept for joy that they were once more permitted to receive the memorials of Christ's death and passion, after being separated for years from the Church which they love.

MISSISSIPPI.

THE REV. M. L. FORBES, *Missionary at Columbus*, reports: Our congregation is somewhat smaller, in consequence of removals, and six or eight families more are making preparations to leave this part of the country. This will make a weak and feeble congregation still more so. It is truly discouraging for us, who labor in these new towns, to find our congregations which have been collected with much anxiety dwindle down to a mere handful, from causes which are beyond our control. But God's ways are always mysterious to us; and it is not unfrequently the case that when the cloud of disappointments is most dark and threatening, He is preparing the bright beams of prosperity to burst upon our path.

THE REV. C. A. FOSTER, *Missionary at Holly Springs and Salem*, reports: At Holly Springs, families, 16; confirmed, 2; communicants, added 2, present number 12. At Salem, families, 5; confirmed, 1; communicants, 7. The church which is erecting at this place (Holly Springs) is a beautiful little building, the admiration of all.

THE REV. G. R. PINCHING, *Missionary in Tallahatchee and Tusahoma counties*, reports: I am happy to say the attendance generally has been very encouraging. At Tusahoma, particularly, it is most gratifying to me to witness the numerous and attentive audience of slaves who come apparently with much simplicity and gladness of heart to hear the glad tidings of salvation. The last time I visited them, five expressed a desire to be baptized, but I have postponed the administration of the ordinance that I may have an opportunity of judging if they are fit subjects, and of giving fuller instruc-

tion on the nature and importance of that holy sacrament. A gentleman of Charlestown has offered me the deed of a lot in that town for a church, but with the present pecuniary difficulties of this country, it would be useless to attempt to raise funds for its erection. The day before Easter I had the pleasure of a visit from the Rev. Mr. Matthews, the only clergyman I have had the privilege of seeing since I came to this part of the State. Such privation I truly feel as one of the greatest which the missionary in the south-west is called to undergo.

ALABAMA.

THE REV. J. E. SAWYER, *Missionary at Greensboro'*, reports: Baptized, 4 infants. The Church is, I trust, steadily improving. We have contracted for a lot and edifice for \$5,250, which exceed our present means about \$1,000. The building is to be of brick, neatly though plainly finished in the Tuscan order. It will be ready for use at the beginning of next year.

THE REV. W. A. HARRIS, *late Missionary at Tuscumbia and Florence*, reports: At Florence, baptism, 1 infant; communicants, added, 1, present number, 11; at Tuscumbia, baptism, 1 infant; communicants, added, 2, present number, 13. A decided interest in the Church has been exhibited at Florence. Our members have become more zealous, and the attendance on the services has been greater than heretofore. No material change has occurred at Tuscumbia, where we feel very much the want of a church, and our congregation cannot increase materially until we have one.

THE REV. J. J. SCOTT, *Missionary at Livingston*, reports: Baptisms, 2 infants; communicants, 28. I have officiated twice a month at the Fork of Greene, but have not yet organized a parish, and have also visited Demopolis once. We have there 10 or 12 communicants, and I am told quite a number of persons have expressed their decided preference for the Church. When not engaged elsewhere, as above, I have officiated here, (Livingston,) except on one occasion, when being sent for to visit a sick member of my congregation, I thought it not advisable to delay. It is well I did not, for I only arrived soon enough to hear him witness a good confession, see him sustained by Divine grace, and die in the faith of Jesus. I am gratified in being able to report good congregations, which, as I am disposed to think, attend from attachment to the Liturgy, and a fervent desire to walk in the good old paths of the Church.

THE REV. L. B. WRIGHT, *Missionary at Selma and Cahawba*, reports: Our church is now completed externally, and a contract made for finishing the interior. I have to report the loss (by removal) of 5 of the small number of our communicants. The changing character of the population of this country, is one of the greatest difficulties with which the missionary has to contend in establishing the Church. Ignorance and opposition he can endure;

but when he sees more than half of his little number of communicants, upon whose consistent walk and conversation he had relied much by the Divine blessing, for the successful prosecution of his holy office suddenly leaving him, his heart fails him, and he is almost ready to abandon in despair the duties of his station; but the faithful promise, "I am with you always," sustains and cheers him, and lights up with hope the otherwise dark and dreary prospect.

THE REV. F. B. LEE, *Missionary at Carlowville*, reports: Families, 16; baptisms, 8 infants; communicants, present number, 10; Sunday school, teachers, 10, scholars, 40. The prospects of my station are promising. A number of persons attend the services of the Church who cannot yet be considered as members of the congregation, and the frequent attendance of others is regarded as evidence of a disposition to unite with us.

THE REV. T. A. COOK, *Missionary at Lafayette, Chambers co.*, reports: We have commenced holding regular services in our own place of worship. I recently administered the communion to 10 persons. An aged lady who was a member of the Church in South Carolina, but had joined one of the sects in this place before my arrival, has within a few weeks returned, as she expressed it, "to the Church of her fathers," and was one of the number above mentioned. There has been a greater demand for prayer-books, and I am happy to state that the liberality of a lady in Charleston, has furnished us with the means of meeting this demand.

GEORGIA.

THE REV. E. B. KELLOGG, *Missionary at Clarksville*, reports: Families, 3; communicants, added 2; present number, 7; Sunday school, teachers 6, scholars 41. Besides the families mentioned above, there are 5 or 6 other families who own dwellings here and always come up to spend the summer. Since the arrival of some of these from the low country, my congregation has increased, and I have been able to obtain from among them zealous helpers in bringing the young of this village under religious instruction. I think I can discover an increased interest in our services since the meeting of the Convention of the diocese here in May last. Lumber for finishing our church is now in preparation, and I hope it will be ready for use by winter.

FLORIDA.

THE REV. DAVID BROWN, *Missionary at Jacksonville* reports: Baptisms, 4 children; communicants, added, 3, present number, 15. In consequence of the great inconvenience, expense and danger of travelling in this country, I have confined my labors to this place and neighborhood. Our vestry has resolved to erect a church with all convenient speed.

FOREIGN.

W. AFRICA.

The following extracts will exhibit the prosperous state of this mission up to the 10th of June. The several members of the mission, nine in number, besides teachers, were in health. Dr. Savage was on the eve of departure to leeward, contemplating a visit to the Gold Coast.

Rev. L. B. Minor, June 8. Both brother Smith and Mrs. Minor have passed safely through the acclimating fever, and the latter with as little suffering, probably, as any white person that ever visited Liberia. Surely the mercy and goodness of God have been with us in a remarkable degree.

Rev. Dr. Savage. At no point whatever hereafter will it be necessary or desirable to expend the same or near the same amount that has been expended here. The design of this school *first* had in view, should not be lost, viz: the preparation of teachers. Although certainly laboring under disadvantages, it has obtained a good footing and made good progress. It very much needs a permanent head which in time, we trust, will be secured. We can but hope much from Mr. Smith in this respect. To this point, such children as may be thought desirable for higher attainments, can be sent from the other stations, and after a given degree of preparation, through the blessing of God, be returned to their respective native regions, qualified to act as efficient laborers. It is to this *native agency*, under God, I look for the fulfilment of His promise in behalf of Africa, and the few trophies of grace recently given to us, I consider an "earnest of that good thing which is to come."

Mission Church, &c. The number of our communicants at this time is 26. A number of the scholars (subjects of the late gracious visitation) are candidates for admission. On Easter I baptized eight by *immersion*. Two were colonist children (aged 14 and 19,) whom we are preparing for teachers—three were native scholars; three indirectly connected with the mission. We trust, then, that before long, the chapel will be required for a *Church* raised and trained up beneath our ministrations.

As for myself, I am as well as when I left America, and better of the asthmatic affection of which I complained in my last.

School at C. Palmas Station. 28 male and 11 female pupils. Four of the oldest and most advanced scholars have been sent to the two out-stations as interpreters and assistants. Both departments have been visited with a gracious influence. Eleven have expressed a hope of a saving change, besides four others indirectly connected with the mission. Six members of the school, (4 colonists and 2 natives,) have been baptized by immersion and admitted to the Lord's Supper. Others are on probation as candidates,

The following are notes written by one of the native converts. The alterations made are almost entirely corrections in spelling, not in phraseology.

"When I was seeking religion, I felt as if I was in a dark prison, but since I felt my sins pardoned, I feel as if I had come out of darkness into light. I never felt so happy in all my life as I do now. Before I did not love to hear about that great God much, but now, His name is so sweet to me! Oh Doctor, I cannot tell you how much I love that Saviour, who left his glory and came to die for us. How we ought to love that Saviour! We ought to love Him with all our mind, with all our strength, with all our soul. I trust in the Lord that He may give me more wisdom, and help me to pray more and more, and help me to learn, that in a few years I may go to teach my countrymen. I want to do some good to them, and turn them unto God. I want to do some good before I die, if God will. I feel as if I was not afraid to die. O Lord help me to love Thee more, and to pray more. I hope I shall serve thee all the days of my life."

contented to have them away, and asked liberty to go for them, which they did, and we believe those children thus brought, were born again. One of the boys who gives the most satisfactory evidence of a change, is one belonging to a cannibal tribe about 50 miles distant. He followed Dr. Savage along the beach, while on a journey a few months since, and has continued in one of the schools belonging to the mission ever since. He is certainly the last one I should have named as a subject of divine grace. His right side was one scar, either from fire or something of the kind, and his whole appearance was the most forbidding—to use the language of his mates, he was "*bad too much*," but since it has pleased God, as we hope, to change his heart, he is one of the mildest boys I ever saw. The change has been as visible in others as in this one, and may God grant

* Susan was, three years and a half previous, taken naked, from the depths of heathenism. She is now a communicant in the Mission Church. A fac simile of her hand-writing is annexed.

it may be lasting. Such, dear brother, have been the scenes that God has permitted us to see in the short time that we have been in this heathen land. Of one thing I am fully persuaded, that is, that we need not expect to see the seed of divine grace springing up till it has been sown and watered; and this will be the duty of God's servants; and though they may labor hard and meet with many difficulties, yet if they are not discouraged, I hope the Church at home will not be. One planteth and another reapeth, and it may not be until *we* who are now here have gone to our long homes, that they, who succeed us, shall see the work of the Lord fully prospering in this place. But praised be the Lord for what our eyes have seen, and what our ears have heard.

It is doubtful if I ever see my native land again, yet I hope to. I sometimes think, if I ever should cross the Atlantic again, it would be a sore trial (much greater than at first,) for me to come back to Africa. It is vain for me to attempt to show you what we lose in a worldly point of view. No person who has not himself resided in a heathen country can tell or imagine our situation; and yet we are happy, and do not wish to quit the field. I feel, more than ever, that Africa is my home for this transient life. I do not feel that desire to die here, that many manifest. If I can spend the most useful part of my life here, I should have no objection to lay my bones in my native land."

School at Graway.—12 native pupils, and 12 Kroomen attending at night, manifesting a strong desire for instruction.

Rev. J. Payne, Cavally, April 11.—A measure of the gracious influence, which God has been pleased to grant to the station at Cape Palmas, has I trust extended to us. . . .

School at Cavally.—22 pupils, and 15 adults attending at night. Fifteen young men, most of whom speak English, come to us as often as other engagements permit, for the purpose of receiving instruction. Several of these have made rapid progress, considering the disadvantages under which they are placed. One case is remarkable. Two months ago he could spell but very imperfectly. Now he reads fluently in easy readings, and writes tolerably well.* His advancement in Scriptural knowledge has been even more rapid. This he literally drinks in, and affords much ground of hope that it is fast making him "wise unto salvation."

A disposition to receive instruction seems to be greatly increasing, especially among the young men; and bids fair to

* Letter from the native Krooman, (referred to in the foregoing paragraph,) two months and a half under Mr. Payne's instruction:

"I want to keep God's laws. My English name is Thomas Wilson—my Grebo name is Gnebur. I want to be a God-man. Then I want to try to make my country people turn to God. But God must help me, before I can make them turn to Him, when I speak to them. Mr. Payne teaches me to read, and spell, and write. Every thing I learn, he teaches me all. I live with him. He does me good too. I have not time to write any more now. I want you to pray for me.

"THOMAS WILSON."

keep pace with, if not exceed our ability to give it. Two of our male scholars, one a colonist, the other a native, have made a public profession of religion. They have thus far maintained a consistent walk, and promise to be instruments of much good in the mission. One of our female scholars has likewise professed a change of heart, though it is deemed expedient to require a longer probation.

Gnebur—The interest of *Gnebur* appeared to increase very much while he remained (at C. P.) Since his return he has been a daily and nearly all day visiter at our house, learning and “both hearing and asking questions.” I inquired of him, some days ago, if he prayed to God, and how he prayed. He replied “yes,” and then gave me his prayer in the following broken English. “O Lord, I know I have a bad heart. First time I be bad too much. I steal—I tell lie—I take tother man’s woman—I no mind Sunday. But, O Lord, I sorry all dem—I no want to do ’m no more. I beg you, ’cause Jesus die for me, to give me a new heart.” I asked him if he thought God had given him a new heart? He replied, “I can’t say dat, but dis I know, dem thing I like first time, I no like now. I want to keep all God’s laws. But,” continued he, “I don’t know what to do with my greegrees; plenty live my house. True, myself no want them. I will for throw them in the sea, but ’pose I do this, some bad man make witch for me and I be sick. My wife, too, I don’t know what I go do for dem. ’Pose I know God and know book, I want them to do them to; but true I tell you, Mr. Payne, country woman can’t change, he be bad too much.”

To-day I had another conversation with him. I asked him if he was willing to give up every thing for God? “Yes! If you say so, I can give up all my wives or keep one. I don’t want to break one of God’s laws any more.” I inquired when his interest in religion commenced? He said “when Jim Hall (a scholar from Mr. Wilson’s and cousin of S.) died, you told us that this boy would get up again—he would talk, see, hear—if we were good we would live always in happiness together—then my heart said, I will try to be good.”

Thus I fully believe is God working in this late abandoned, wicked heathen’s mind, a most hopeful change. How much may he accomplish for God! In point of intelligence, knowledge of English and influence, he is not surpassed by any native at Cavally. And already is his influence exerted and felt in favor of our cause. Through his instrumentality it is, I doubt not, in a great measure, that 8 or 10 young men who speak English, come daily to our house to be taught to read, and I have reason to think he is endeavoring to draw them with him to God. *April 26.*—Our hopes in young G. continue to strengthen. He is indefatigable in his studies and inquiries about God. In the former he makes astonishing progress. Able, three weeks ago, only to spell a little, he now reads extracts from the Bible

and writes. His determination to give up all for God remains unshaken. May the Lord carry on this work, until he shall be delivered entirely from the trammels of heathenism!

Inquirers.—The interest of the young men in education and religion before mentioned, appears to be increasing. The number repairing to our house for instruction, as often as the rainy and busy season will allow, is much greater than at first. In this number is a doctor—one of the last, whom, three weeks ago, I should ever have hoped to see changed. For besides the obstacles presented by his profession—that of “devil-man,” he was exceedingly wicked. Being, however, a frequent visitor at our house, I have had repeated conversations with him in regard to his progress and the necessity of his being “born again.” His calling, he declared, he did not seek nor willingly retain. But “he was” possessed with a devil—haunted and afflicted by him until he enlisted under his banners—he would give any thing to be delivered from this influence—how could he be?” I endeavored to prove to him that his supposed “possession” was all delusion; but, failing in this, pointed him to God, who was able and willing to deliver him from his malady, whatever it is, if he would seek his aid. He promised to try, saying with emphasis, “this, I do, I no like him!” Soon after this he applied for a book, and ever since it has been his constant companion. He has mastered the alphabet and says he is determined to “sabba (know) book and God.” Last night he came, in company with three other doctors. In a religious conversation which I introduced, Goblah sided with me and insisted that the devil, their master, “was a bad man,” and insatiable in his demands. This moon he had given him a sheep—the preceding one a duck—and another a goat—and he must still give him more. Gniswah (God) on the contrary, demanded nothing but the heart and service—he ought to be served.” Oh Lord, help this poor heathen!

May 5.—The poor doctor has, I fear, been well nigh frightened out of his good purpose. His head-man, on learning that he was quite in earnest about changing his course, made a most serious “palaver” for him, and told him plainly he could never consent to it. Had he wished this before he became a doctor, he would have made no objection; but that now, besides the glaring inconsistency of a devil-man becoming a God-man or Christian, he had paid too much money on his account, to consent to his throwing away his profession! G. professes not to be influenced by this opposition, and declares that he still prays to God for a new heart.

The above is not the only case of opposition of which we have heard. A youth, about 18 years of age, who has been for some time spending his leisure hours in learning, was yesterday forbidden to do so any more. This opposition, however, is far from discouraging. It shows that the merits of Christianity are exciting discussion, which cannot fail to result in

good. A conversation among some of the head men, of which I heard, illustrates still further the truth of this remark. Some gave as their opinion, that the "God palaver" was untrue and unworthy of regard. "Not so," replied a thoughtful old man, "hitherto we have been ignorant of this subject—thus far it appears to be good—let us try it, before we reject it as good for nothing."

May 6.—Polygamy.—This promises to be a great obstacle, among this carnal people, to the reception of the Gospel. I have been watching for some time with great anxiety, the influence of the new principles by which G. professes to be actuated, upon his views in regard to this subject. I remember, in one of our early conversations, he said, that one of the greatest obstacles to his people's becoming christians, was the requisition to give up all their wives but one. Since he became seriously interested in religion, I have said little upon this subject, except to direct him to pray to God for his direction in so important a concern. To-day I asked him if he had made known to his wives his change of views. He replied, that he had done so last evening, and proceeded to give me the substance of his conversation with them, which was as follows: "Of all of us here, who is the father?" They answer, "God." "Well, if our father tells us to do any thing, and some stranger another, to whose command must we attend?" They answer, "Our father's." "Well, this is the way that I have been a fool heretofore. I have minded the devil's word—not God's. Now, I hear what God's laws are (here repeating them.) Another thing God says is, a man must love his wife, as he does himself; and the woman must love her husband as herself. When I married you, I loved you all; but I did not know that God said, we must have one wife. Now I hear this, I want to keep God's laws. If any woman don't like them, it is the same as if she don't like me, then it is better that we part."

18th.—Yesterday an unusually large number were out to attend the religious services of the Sabbath; and much seriousness seemed to pervade the congregation. An incident which occurred in the afternoon shows that this seriousness was not in all cases the least affected. Soon after returning from the place of worship to his home, the King called G. to his house; and after being joined by many of the old men of the town, presently addressed G. in the following manner: "Gnebur, we have hitherto supposed that all who die go to God. But Mr. P. tells us that only the good go to God, and all who do not keep God's laws, go to hell. It may be true—for we have known nothing of God heretofore; but Mr. P. is a foreigner—you are our own countrymen—tell us truly what your heart says about all this?" G. replied, "King, you have been to Sierra Leone—to Cape Coast Castle, and on board of men of war, have you not?" "Yes." "Do not all that you have heard speak about God agree?" "Yes." "Could there be a

combination between those who have never seen each other, to deceive? Again, what I have been told are God's laws, are good. When not transgressors, all agree that they are good. All this makes me think "God palaver" is true. For myself I am trying to attend to it. It is best that we all try it.

A similar sentiment was advanced by a young man who came to my house this afternoon. I was urging upon one present the necessity of being "born again" in order to go to God. He inclined to ridicule all I said, when Dweh thus addressed him: "Gedeh, your words give me much shame. When the Americans came to Cape Palmas, it was reported that they had brought with them God's laws, but the information we received was vague and imperfect. Now, Mr. P. has come and told us all about this. What he says is good. We had all better *try* to do it."

June 1st.—Public Services.—The two last Sundays have been seasons of much encouragement. Including our scholars, the attendance on these occasions has been as many as one hundred souls. This increase is to be attributed partly to my practice of going from house to house on every Saturday afternoon and trying to "compel men to come in;" but more I would thankfully believe and acknowledge, to His almighty agency who holds men's hearts in his hand, and, as the rivers of waters, turns them whithersoever he will. Great improvement too is manifest in the conduct of those who attend. Formerly there was much laughing and merriment; nothing of the kind is observable now in those who have been present more than once. Indeed, the general behavior on these occasions, would compare well with that of most christian congregations. The introduction of prayers and hymns in the native language, has contributed much to this. The commandments are also read in Grebo. The services therefore are no longer in "an unknown tongue." The native hears confession of sins, of which he knows he is guilty, and praises to a God, whose boundless goodness he is ready to acknowledge. Under such circumstances he cannot fail to be impressed; and will ere long, I doubt not, adopt as his own, sentiments whose justice and force he even now acknowledges, and cannot but feel.

Increasing Interest—The incidents thus given, will enable you in some measure to realize the grounds of our hope of the promising character of the field of labor, to which, in the providence of God, we have been called. A change is evidently coming over this people in regard to education. As I stated in a former communication, until lately it has been impossible to keep a school here. Now there is little difficulty in procuring as many boarding scholars as we can teach. Among the young men, too, there is the most gratifying interest rising up in education. More than fifteen have given their names, and many others express a determination to learn, as soon as the present rice crop, which demands all their attention, is reaped. Many of these attend family prayers every night, and are thus brought

under a daily religious influence, besides that enjoyed on the Sabbath. Much thought and inquiry are beginning to be excited about christianity. This I know, as well from what I hear myself, as what reaches me through others. The prevailing sentiment is, that "God palaver" (Christianity) is true, and most purpose attending to its claims at some time! Few have the hardihood to pronounce it a lie. Oh, if the Lord do but make faithful an unworthy servant, and excite the Church, by earnest prayer and supplication, to bear him up, what glorious things may we be able to tell about Cavally at the close of another year! With primitive prayerfulness in his Church, and primitive faithfulness in his ministers, is it too much to expect that an immutable God will grant primitive success?

June 6th.—Health.—Since our removal to Cavally, both Mrs. Payne and myself have enjoyed almost uninterrupted health. Colds at the beginning of the rainy season, and one or two very slight fevers, of an hour or two continuance, being the only exceptions. We have, therefore, quite as little excuse as we desire, for leaving our interesting work, except my ordination, and this, I sincerely hope may not call me home, as we are earnestly desiring and hoping for a Bishop next year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. AFRICA, CH. MISS. SOCIETY.—The large party of missionaries who sailed from Gravesend on November the 25th, reached Sierra Leone on January 12th. [The following are extracts from the reports of the missionaries.]

Kissey, Feb. 28.—I met the male part of our communicants, 108 in number, for the purpose of expounding, and as far as I could, simplifying the word of God, and occasionally asking questions on points of doctrine and experience. I can truly say that I have never yet met them without feeling my own soul abundantly refreshed. *March 4.*—I undertook a large class of candidates for baptism. These I find require much attention and labor; but now I have practical demonstration, that it is really needful, unless we would receive them into church fellowship in the depth of their ignorance; and were it not for the advantages of our Sunday schools, the work must be much more tardy. Many faithful ministers at home would be thankful if they could collect a congregation of 400 on a Thursday evening, and would render thanks to God, if out of a flock of 900, they could number 243 consistent communicants.

Bathurst, Jan. 19.—I attended divine service this day and was much struck with the devout attention, which each individual present seemed to pay to their beloved teacher while he expounded to them the word of life. Oh how much better, thought I, is the Lord's day observed here, in this distant heathen land, than it is in the land of my fathers. As soon as service was concluded, they all retired to their respective homes under a deep sense of the solemn duties in which they had been engaged.

Charlotte, Jan. 26.—In the evening their native teacher, who, for the last eleven months, had diligently labored among them, delivered to them his farewell address. Many of the older inhabitants seemed to be deeply affected as they listened for the last time to the touching exhortations which fell from his lips.

Bembarra town, Dec. 9, 1839.—About six months ago I opened a school with the schoolmaster appointed to it. The children were then, I may safely say, in a wild state: few of them had ever seen a school or bowed their knees to pray. Contrasting the present state of the school, with what it was at its commencement a short time ago, I could not but feel that this is another token of God's favor vouchsafed to our missionary labors, however small these labors may appear to a superficial observer to be. Six or seven months ago these children were running about the streets entirely neglected, both with respect to spiritual and temporal things; now, you see them decently dressed and cheerfully repeating short portions of scripture and the catechism. Before, they did not know how to bend their knees when approaching Almighty God; now, they may be heard singing hymns of praise to God and the Lamb.

Waterloo, Dec. 17, 1839.—The attendance on the public means of grace has greatly increased, and become much more established. There is also a great thirst among many of the natives, especially among the young, to learn to read the word of God. I can every Lord's day look on our Sunday school with the most pleasing satisfaction. The average attendance has increased during the last eight months from 40 to 150—52 of these are reading the old and new Testaments.—*Miss. Reg.*

INTELLIGENCE.

SPIRIT OF MISSIONS.—A few copies of the preceding vols., of this work, (Vols. 1 to 4 inclusive,) bound, are for sale at the Missionary Rooms, 281 Broadway, New-York.

MISSIONARY NOTICES, (DOMESTIC.)—The Rev. F. F. Peake, has resigned his appointment as a missionary in Missouri, and become the rector of Christ Church, St. Louis. The Rev. S. W. Manney remains at Laporte, Indiana, (*see* p. 295;) and the Rev. William Allanson has been assigned to Southport, Wisconsin.

The Rev. J. B. Britton has been transferred from Indianapolis to New Albany, Indiana.

The Rev. C. H. Page has been appointed a missionary and assigned to Jeffersonville, Indiana.

The Rev. Timothy Minor has been appointed a missionary in Illinois.

The Rev. N. N. Cowgill has been appointed a missionary in Kentucky.

THE REV. G. W. COLE.—The cause of Domestic Missions has suffered a great loss in the decease of the Rev. G. W. Cole, a missionary in Michigan, who died, at his station at Kalamazoo,

on the 22d of August, after a short illness. Mr. Cole had been about four years in the missionary work, and had proved himself truly a good and valiant soldier in the western field. Of all the missionaries sent into the west by the Domestic Committee since their organization in 1835, Mr. Cole is the first who has been called by his heavenly Master from that field to his reward. A Rev. brother who was with him in his last hours writes: "he died as every minister of Christ would wish to die, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost; he died on the field of action, embalmed in the tears and affections of all who knew him."

FUNDS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—*Special attention* is called to the great deficiency which has been exhibited in the funds for Domestic Missions for several months past. The Domestic Treasury will be entirely exhausted by the payment of the salaries of the missionaries which became due on the first inst.; and the Committee will be dependant altogether upon future receipts in providing for their current expenditures. These are, on an average, \$2500 per month. The contributions of the Church for the last three months to meet these expenditures, have been, on an average, less than \$1000 per month. Several missionaries have been recently appointed, and it is expected that their number will soon be much increased. It is confidently hoped that to these self-denying servants of the Church, the sympathy and the constant and efficient aid of her members will be cheerfully given.

FUNDS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The Committee estimate their expenses for the year ending June, 1841, at about \$30,000, and desire to lay the fact before the Church, stating that about one third of the sum is required for the gradually enlarging missions in Western Africa, and the same amount for the important and extending operations in behalf of Eastern Christians. The receipts for the year previous, amounting to \$23,853 67, were without express solicitation on the part of the Committee. The increase needed for the present year requires to be thus early stated; and being known, will no doubt be made good with equal readiness. The prosperity so generally attending the several stations calls for a token of gratitude far beyond the amount named.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—At a meeting held in London on the 29th of June, an Auxiliary Ch. Miss. Society for the city of London was formed, and nearly £600 subscribed. At a meeting of W. India proprietors, in aid of the Missions of the Ch. Mis. Soc., in Jamaica, held in London on the 6th June, £525 5s. were subscribed, and measures taken to extend this to £3000. In connection with a meeting, held also in London, in April, \$1600 have been raised in behalf of the Gospel Prop. Society. A general committee has been formed for the city, and parish committees are in process of formation. It is also proposed to form a New Zealand Church Society to sustain the Church with

Bishops and clergymen, in connection with the new colonies there forming.

MISSIONARIES' DAUGHTERS.—An institution has been opened at Walthamstow, near London, for the education of such, supported by the Independents and Baptists. 18 are already there and 10 more about to be added.

INDIA.—The work of separation from the Idolatry of India is happily proceeding in the presidency of Bengal. Government, it is stated, have withdrawn all connexion with the idol shrines of Allahabad, Gyah and Juggernaut.

AFRICA.—In connection with the continued evidence of a growing interest in religious truth in the region around Cape Palmas, a much more extensive interest might be traced as an earnest of better things to come. A few extracts from the late Missionary Reports of the Sierra Leone Mission are given. See page 325.

CHURCH IN ABYSSINIA.—The engraving in this number, representing the Abyssinian Church at Axum, was taken originally from one in Lord Valentia's travels. This church is said by Mr. Salt to have been built in 1657. It is 40 feet high, 111 in length, and 51 in breadth. See *Miss. Reg.* 1830.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Contributions received by the Treasurer of the Committee for Domestic Missions, from 15th of August to 15th of September, 1840.

DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.	
Essex, St. John's Church, monthly missionary collections,	4 00
Fairfield, Trinity Church, half,	13 00
Roxbury, Christ Church, collection, half,	54— 17 54
DIOCESE OF NEW-YORK.	
Individuals, anonymous \$10; a lady, half, \$1 50,	11 50— 11 50
DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY.	
Jersey City, St. Matthew's Church, a member, half,	2 50— 2 50
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.	
Brownsville, Christ Church, Female Sewing Society, \$26; an individual, for St. Charles, Mo., \$1 00,	27 00
Philadelphia, St. Andrew's Ch. a member, for Bp. Kemper's fund,	3 00
Wilkesbarre, St. Stephen's Church,	60 00— 90 00
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND.	
Baltimore, St. Peter's Ch., (for Jubilee College, \$5,) \$155; Mrs. Chowning, for Jubilee College, \$5; Mrs. Chilton, for do. \$3; Mrs. Ewell, for do., \$2,	165 00
Frederick County, All Saints' Parish,	93 00
Prince George Co., St. Paul's Parish, \$5, for Bp. Chase, \$31 77,	36 77
Individual, a friend,	2 00—301 77
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.	
Clarke County, Wickliffe Parish,	50 00
Fairfax Co., Alexandria, D. C., thank offering of a family for the special favor of a kind Providence,	5 00
“ “ “ Christ Church, Mrs. Custus and Mrs. Lee, \$5; Mrs. Dean, \$3; Mrs. Martha Mason, \$3; each one half, \$5 50. Mrs. Jackson, for Michigan, \$3; a friend, for Illinois, \$20,	23 50— 83 50
DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.	
Charleston, St. Michael's Church, offerings,	28 03
“ Monthly Missionary Lectures,	62 42— 90 45

DIOCESE OF GEORGIA.			
Savannah, proceeds of 6 bales of cotton, one half,	-	-	78 40— 78 40
DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN.			
Detroit, St. Paul's Church, H. P. Baldwin, Esq.,	-	-	10 00— 10 00
Total,			\$685 66
Total contributions, since June 15,	-	\$2,949 16	
Total payments since June 15,	-	7,028 45	

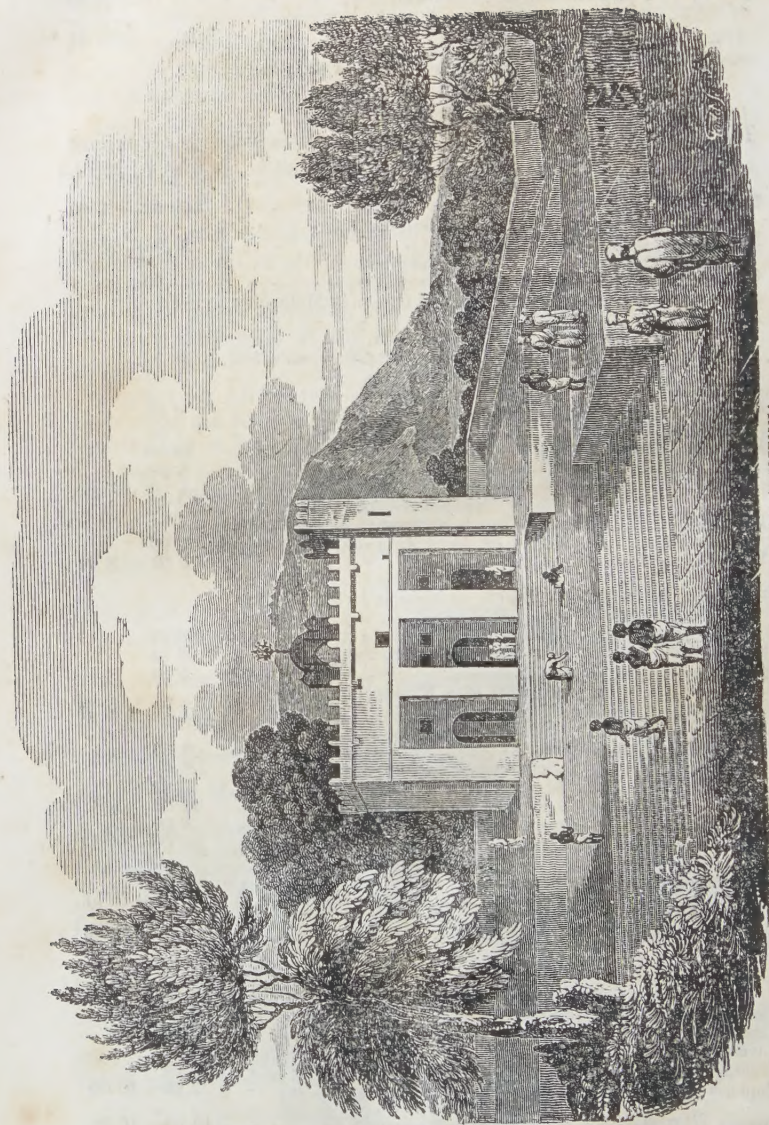
FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Treasurer of the Foreign Committee acknowledges the receipt of the following donations from 15th August to 15th Sept., 1840.

VERMONT.			
Rutland, Trinity Church,	-	-	10 00— 10 00
MASSACHUSETTS.			
Marblehead, St. Michael's Church,	-	-	30 00— 30 00
CONNECTICUT.			
Essex, St. John's Church, \$3 16; Africa, 84 cts.,	-	-	4 00
Middletown, Christ Ch. Sunday School for Ch. in Matagorda,	-	-	5 00
Roxbury, Christ Church, part collections,	-	-	54— 9 54
NEW-YORK.			
New-York, Ch. of Ascen., a lady \$1 50; do. for Matagorda, \$10,	-	-	11 50
Anonymous, for Ch. in Matagorda,	-	-	2 00— 13 50
NEW-JERSEY.			
Chews' Landing, St. John's Church, S. S. Bateman,	-	-	6 00
Jersey City, St. Matthew's Church, a member,	-	-	2 50
Princeton, Trinity Church, a member, for Ch. in Matagorda,	-	-	10 00
sundry persons, for do do	-	-	8 00
three sisters, for do do	-	-	4 00— 30 50
PENNSYLVANIA.			
Philadelphia, St. Andrew's Church, a member for China, \$3;	-	-	
Africa, \$2,	-	-	5 00
Wilkesbarre, St. Stephen's Church,	-	-	3 00 — 8 00
MARYLAND.			
Baltimore, St. Peter's Ch., for Ch. in Matagorda, \$70; for Constantinople, \$186 67; Juv. Miss. Soc., for support of Jane Barry, at Africa, \$20; Mrs. S. G. Wyman, for Africa, \$20;	-	296 67	
Frederick Co., All Saints' Parish, \$90 50; S. School, \$16;	-	106 50	
Prince George Co., St. Paul's Parish,	-	5 00	
a friend, \$2; Mrs. Eliason, for Africa, \$3;	-	-	
Miss Fay, for Greece, \$3,	-	-	8 00—416 17
VIRGINIA.			
Alexandria, Christ Church,	-	-	2 50
Theological Seminary, Missionary Society,	-	-	120 62
Mrs. Dean, \$1 50; Mrs. M. Mason, \$1 50,	-	-	3 00
from 5 ladies, for support of Mary Selden, at Africa,	-	-	15 00
Howard, Epis. High School, mite box for Ch. in Matagorda,	-	-	6 00
Wickliffe Parish, Clark County,	-	-	50 00—197 12
SOUTH CAROLINA.			
Charleston, St. Michael's Church,	-	-	9 01
St. Stephen's Chapel, monthly miss. collections,	-	-	12 50 —21 51
GEORGIA.			
Savannah, Christ Church, half proceeds of 6 bales cotton,	-	-	73 39— 78 39
OHIO.			
Cincinnati, St. Paul's Church,	-	-	11 50
Lucia Longworth, \$10; Elizabeth Longworth, \$10,	-	-	20 00
Columbia, St. Luke's Church,	-	-	5 75
Granville, St. Luke's Church,	-	-	5 00
Liverpool, Missionary Box,	-	-	7 70
Massillon, St. Timothy's Church,	-	-	12 00
Piqua, St. James' Church, for Africa,	-	-	2 00— 63 95
MICHIGAN.			
Detroit, H. P. Baldwin, \$7; Church in Matagorda, \$3,	-	-	10 00— 10 00
ALABAMA.			
Mobile, from ladies for support of pupil at China Mission,	-	-	30 00— 30 00

Total, \$918 68

(Total, since 15th June, \$3081 44.)



CHURCH AT AXUM, IN ABYSSINIA.